

In the Claims:

1. (Currently Amended) A method of connecting an out-of-market customer to a desired telephone number, comprising:

receiving a customer validation request from a foreign market provider;

providing a predetermined toll-free telephone number to said foreign market provider in response to said customer validation request;

receiving a call request based on said predetermined toll-free telephone number from said foreign market provider;

converting said predetermined toll-free telephone number to said desired telephone number, wherein said desired telephone number is a toll-based call with respect to the out-of-market customer; and

directing said call request to said desired telephone number without having to incur costs of the foreign market provider ~~and without requiring a predetermined agreement between the local market provider and a home market provider.~~

2. (Original) The method of claim 1, wherein said customer validation request includes said desired telephone number.

3. (Original) The method of claim 1, wherein said customer validation request includes a mobile identification number.

4. (Original) The method of claim 1, wherein said toll-free telephone number is assigned to a home market provider.

5. (Original) The method of claim 1, wherein said toll-free telephone number is an 800 telephone number.

6. (Original) The method of claim 1, further comprising directing said call request to said desired telephone number using a service package application.

7. (Original) The method of claim 1, wherein said providing further comprises randomly selecting said toll-free number.
8. (Currently Amended) A telecommunications system for connecting an out-of-market customer to a desired telephone number, comprising:
- a home mobile switching center in communication with a foreign mobile switching center;
  - a service switching point in communication with said home mobile switching center and with said desired telephone number; and
  - a service control point in communication with said service switching point, wherein said service control point instructs said service switching point to route a call request based on a predetermined toll-free telephone number and received from said foreign mobile switching center to said desired telephone number, wherein said desired telephone number is a toll-based cad with respect to the out-of-market customer, and wherein said call request is directed to said desired telephone number without having to incur costs of the foreign market provider ~~and without requiring a predetermined agreement between the foreign market provider and a home market provider.~~
9. (Original) The system of claim 8, further comprising at least one mobile telephone unit located within said foreign market, wherein said mobile telephone unit subscribes to said home mobile switching center.
10. (Original) The system of claim 8, wherein said service switching point further comprises a trigger that is set by said service control point.
11. (Original) The system of claim 10, wherein said service control point further comprises a service package application that processes said call request and instructs said service control point to set said trigger such that said call request encounters said trigger.
12. (Original) The system of claim 8, wherein said foreign mobile switching center communicates a customer validation request to said home mobile switching center.

13. (Original) The system of claim 12, wherein said customer validation request includes said desired telephone number.
14. (Original) The system of claim 12, wherein said customer validation request includes a mobile identification number.
15. (Original) The system of claim 8, wherein said call request is based on a toll-free telephone number.
16. (Original) The system of claim 15, wherein said toll-free telephone number is a predetermined sequence of characters.
17. (Original) The system of claim 15, wherein said toll-free telephone number is randomly selected.
18. (Currently Amended) A wireless telephone device for connecting an out-of-market customer to a desired telephone number, comprising a computer-readable medium having computer-executable instructions thereon for:
  - determining whether said wireless telephone device is out of a home market;
  - receiving a desired destination telephone number; and
  - transmitting a call request based on said desired destination number to a toll-free telephone number in response to said desired telephone number when said wireless telephone device is out of a home market, and wherein said desired telephone number is a toll-based call with respect to the out-of-market customer, and wherein said call request is directed to said desired telephone number without having to incur costs of a foreign market provider ~~and without requiring a predetermined agreement between the foreign market provider and a home market provider.~~

19. (Original) The computer-readable medium of claim 18, having further computer-executable instructions thereon for transmitting said desired destination telephone number with said call request to said toll-free telephone number.

20. (Original) The computer-readable medium of claim 18, having further computer-executable instructions thereon for storing said desired destination number after transmitting said call request and transmitting said desired destination telephone number in response to a request directed from said toll-free telephone number.

21. (Original) The computer-readable medium of claim 18, having further computer-executable instructions thereon for querying a user to re-enter said desired destination telephone number in response to a request directed from said toll-free telephone number.

22. (Currently Amended) A method of routing an out-of-market customer to a desired telephone number without incurring connection costs from a foreign market provider, comprising:

receiving a customer validation request from said foreign market provider, wherein said customer validation request includes said desired telephone number and a mobile identification number, and wherein said desired telephone number is a toll-based call to the out-of-market customer;

providing a toll-free telephone number to said foreign market provider, wherein said toll-free telephone number is an 800 telephone number owned by a home market provider; and

directing a toll-free call request from said foreign market provider to said desired telephone number without having to incur costs of said foreign market provider ~~and without requiring a predetermined agreement between the foreign market provider and home market provider.~~